

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claim 16 has been amended. Therefore, claims 1-22 are presented for examination.

Claims 1-15 and 18-22 are allowed. Claims 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful examination and allowance of the claims. Applicants have amended claim 16 to correct the lack of proper antecedent basis.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested. If the corrections submitted by the Applicant is not sufficient, Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to clarify this small issue.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Judith A. Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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